





TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 1871.

THE CONSPIRACY OF REVENGE.

This ghastly festival, at which every man who has a grievance against the Republican party or a grudge against President Grant, is an earnest and ostentatious assistant, should be entirely satisfactory to its conductors—for they have everything in their power to make General Grant in the eyes of the world, not only a comical figure, but a laughing stock. There are no ceremonies disturbed by any discordant voices from the White House. While Mr. Sumner is denouncing him, even before the representatives of foreign nations, as guilty of crimes which deserve impeachment, while in the Senate and before the world, he persists in describing him as a leader of Ku Klux, or in other words as being a deliberate murderer, while in his own house and to his personal friends he declares him to be another Titus, which is to say that he is a monster of wickedness unimagined in history; while Senator Schurz of Missouri, happy in having gained that State over to the Copperheads, is by his bitter arraignment of the Republican administration, doing his best to transfer all the States to them; while the New York Sun, of which it is enough to say that New York is its editor, and whose columns are about equally divided between efforts to strike down President Grant and to set up William M. Tweed, and the Chicago Tribune, whose faith consists in believing that Satan is God, and that Horace White is his prophet, and whose journals like these, having with them entered into a contract to destroy the Republican party, are unceasing and unscrupulous in their assaults upon the President; while that wing of the army of Washington correspondents which fights only in the cause that they dislike, and whose only object is to subsidize in the cause of San Domingo, with an accord fall upon General Grant and snarl at him with such malignancy as injured interest and impudently inspire; while ex-rebels and their sympathizers at Washington storm their appliances, either in the galleries of the Senate or from the galleries of the Senate as they formerly barked at them their hatred; while every Copperhead and every follower of Andrew Johnson in the United States contemplates his best that the duty of the day may be nothing, either in tidings or rage, not a word of complaint, not a syllable of defence, not even a whisper of reviling comes from the strong and patient man who has been thus foully assailed and outraged. No granger shall be witness for centuries. He bides his time and he can afford to. He, at least, has not forgotten. He may remember, as the country will not forget, that this is not the first time that he has had to encounter the miscreations, the jealousies and the hates of men whom his own superiority or his virtue has offended. It has not yet faded from the memory of his countrymen that after he had taken Fort Henry and Donelson and the city of Nashville had fallen into his hands, the first considerable successes achieved by the national arms in the war of the rebellion, an order was prepared by his immediate superior for his removal from the command, and that at once the result had been accomplished, and by which, soon afterwards the important victory of Corinth was won—during the siege of Vicksburg the murmurs for his removal were loud and constant—in the Wilderness and through the entire campaign which ended in the capitulation of Richmond, the surrender of Lee and the restoration of the Union, there was no season when the faint hearted and the false were not crying at him, and the malignant were not plotting his humiliation and disgrace. And he will remember, too, that he has not forgotten that he has been maligned and enemies he kept steadily at his head, hearing nothing, heeding nothing, but the calls of duty; that when the great hour of victory struck he took no airs upon himself as a conqueror, but gave the credit to his generals and the army; that declining to visit Richmond and receive an ovation, he accepted of the dead confederacy, he unostentatiously and as only a great man could, returned to Washington and there at once quietly employed himself in the routine discharge of the duties pertaining to his office. 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